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Air Pollution Paguate Village

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Confidential Claim Retracted

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On December 18, 1972 I met with Ralph Wild and John Herndon of the Anaconda Mining Company to discuss the complaint by the Governor of Montana of air pollution at Paguate Village on the Laguna Reservation. This pollution was reportedly caused by dust from mine blasting and exhausts of mining equipment at Anaconda's Jack Pile Mine which is located near Paguate Village.

At this time Mr. Wild and Mr. Herndon reported that they weren't aware that any air pollution problems existed at the Paguate mine. It was also brought up that it was a general policy that when the wind was blowing toward Paguate Village blasting was held off until the wind shifted.

Since no data was available as to the actual air pollution situation at Paguate the Environmental Engineering section of Anaconda decided that they should bring in some sampling equipment to collect data so that this situation can be properly evaluated. They thought that they should probably get this program started in January or February of 1973.

On February 22, 1973 Philip Sarracino and I met with Mr. Herndon and 2 visiting members of the Anaconda Environmental Engineering staff. At this meeting we were told that Anaconda would establish a high volume air sampling station and a meteorological station at the Paguate mine. The air sampler will be located on the village side of the mine property and would be operated on a 24 hr. basis two days a week on a rotating schedule (example: Monday and Tuesday this week, Wednesday and Thursday next week, etc). The 2 visiting engineers were going to set up the sampling station and the mine personnel were going to operate it. The meteorological station would be used to measure and record wind directions and velocities. Also while they were here they planned to collect some air samples and have them analyzed for equipment exhaust emission levels.

I was told by Mr. Herndon that he would send me this data as soon as it was collected and analyzed.

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